

Christian Motherhood

The mother who shuts Christ out of her life not only dishonors him and narrows and imperils her own soul, but deprives her children of a spiritual influence that is more to be desired than wealth or honor or anything else the world can give. If in their eyes she is not the embodiment of all that is good and ennobling, if the very thought of her does not suggest to them simple and beautiful faith in God, they are indeed to be pitied, for they are at a great moral disadvantage, and none the less so because they may not be conscious of it. Who can measure the hallowed influence of a woman who recognizes her children as a gift from God and trains them for him? Such an influence abides long after she has passed to her reward. Many a man struggling against temptation or perplexed with religious doubts would have become a moral shipwreck were it not for the memory of a sainted mother—a memory that appealed to all his nobler instincts and that was his most cherished and sacred possession. It is impossible for one who has been blessed with a godly mother to anticipate what his feelings would be toward a mother who was frivolous, selfish and irreligious, so out of harmony is the latter kind of woman with any worthy conception of motherhood.

Well-Trained Girls

Two young girls have lately spent several months in the house with me, whose mother I highly respect, tho I have never seen her. They are evidently in good circumstances, but there is no waste. Every article of their clothing has wise and thoughtful care. Their rooms are always neat, and well-aired; and orderly. They are students, and very busy ones, but nothing of theirs is left in slipshod fashion. They have time to put things in their proper places, hang up their clothing, and do all those little things that make the difference between a tidy and a slovenly room. They will make pleasant homes for somebody, some time, I believe. And I doubt not the credit is mainly due to a mother too wise and loving to indulge her own fondness by doing everything for them, or her ease by neglecting to train them, because it is more trouble than to do the work herself.

Sisters' Society C. E.

What Our S. S. C. E. Has Done

After reading the program of the Illiokota conference I wondered why it was given to me to tell what the S. S. C. E. has done; it were better to call on the angels in glory land who have recorded all the good deeds done in this world, and in letters of gold they would write on paper of snowy whiteness of the many sad hearts that have been cheered by their kindly ministering. Of mothers lying on beds of sickness, suffering agony of both mind and body; in agony of mind because their little ones were in need and they powerless to help them, how the members of

the S. S. C. E., like angels of mercy, came to them, and with needles and thread and hearty good will changed the mother's grief into joy and gladness, better to merit the blessing attending the giving of the cup of cold water to one of Christ's little ones than to have our brows crowned with gold and jewels.

"It should be ours the oil and wine to pour,
Into the bleeding wounds of stricken ones.
To take the smitten, and the sick and sore,
And bear them where the stream of blessing runs."

Again the angel would write of the S. S. C. E. going to the rescue of those who were burdened with church debts, and they, by their untiring labors, have been able to give such financial aid that materially lessened the debt, and gave encouragement to those who were burdened with the responsibility. They have heeded the advice of Paul to bear one another's burdens. I wish I was able to tell of what financial aid each society in the brotherhood has been. I know of one society that has helped in the past and this year expect to give \$100 on the church debt, others perhaps are doing better.

Again methinks the angel would write of work that is being done in helping prepare men to preach the blessed gospel, a work that eternity alone can tell of its vastness. When we stop in the work and contemplate what may result from one consecrated man preaching the gospel we are lost in wonder and amazement at what the S. S. C. E. may have done in that direction. The dime that we have given twice a year for this work may seem small, but if every sister would have given that little what an amount would be in the national treasury for this great work, perhaps many would be fitting themselves for the ministry. According to the treasurer's report \$222.80 were given this year for that purpose and many, we know, did not give. This may, perhaps, to some, seem a small sum for one year's work, but it does not end at the close of the year, and Christ taught us not to despise the little things when he said, "Gather up the fragments." Let us then, sisters, be more earnest and consecrated in our work, realizing that while we are helping men prepare for the ministry we are also working for the salvation of souls.

Again the angel dips his pen and he writes not of the S. S. C. E. giving to help prepare preachers but of how these faithful sisters have been a help and an inspiration to these ministers after they have become pastors of churches. How many times they have helped them by their prayers and by their words of sympathy and encouragement have made their burdens lighter.

Again we look and we see the angel write while his smiling countenance is as the face of Jesus on the mount, and we wonder at the joyful expression, can women do deeds that cause the angels to smile? When Christ was here just before leaving this earth to go to his heavenly home, a home of peace and love, he said, "Go ye therefore and preach the gospel to all nations." H. Frances Davidson, a missionary of South Africa, says it

brings joy to their souls when they learn of consecrated men and women who are willing to leave home and friends, who can say, "Here Lord, am I, send me." Do we then wonder that the angels rejoice that the S. S. C. E. has been teaching and trying to prepare our people for work in foreign fields. Tho today the work they have done may seem small. Let us not be surprised if in the near future many may leave their ranks and join those in foreign work as a result of their teaching of the past and time alone can tell what the result will be, the time when the books are opened on the other side, will be the time of the revelation of all things.

Tho we as an S. S. C. E. are not satisfied with our past and hope to achieve much more in the future, yet we trust that this conference will give to the S. S. C. E. the commendation that Christ gave to the woman, "She hath done what she could."

"Say well is good, but do well is better;
Do well seems spirit, say well the better,
Say well is godly and helpeth to please.
But do well lives godly, and gives the world ease.
Say well to silence is sometimes bound,
But do well is free on every ground.
Say well has friends, some here, some there,
But do well is welcome everywhere.
By say well to many God's word cleaves,
But for lack of do well it often leaves.
If say well and do well were bound in one frame
Then all were done, all were won, and all were gain."

EMMA PUTERBAUGH.

Lanark, Ill.

Treasurer's Report of the S. S. C. E. for the month of October

HOME MISSIONS

Reported,	\$ 173 37
Philadelphia, Pa., S. S. C. E.,	3 25
Roann, Ind., "	66
Troy, Ohio, "	1 00
Meyersdale, Pa., "	1 00
Allentown, Pa., "	80
Listie, Pa., "	1 00
Lathrop, Calif., "	1 70
N. Highland, Ind., "	1 00
Nappanee, Ind., "	83
Homerville, Ohio, Ladies' A S.,	1 00
Fairview, Ind., S. S. C. E., on pledge,	1 00

\$ 186 61

To treasurer of N. M. B.,

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Total,

\$ 176 61

FOREIGN MISSION

Reported,	\$ 2 80
Fairview, Ind., S. S. C. E., on pledge,	1 00
Miss Emma Wingard, "	1 00

Total,

\$ 4 80

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' FUND

Reported,	\$ 2 86
Warsaw, Indiana, S. S. C. E.,	1 00
Roann, " "	66
Flora, " "	55
N. Manchester, Ind., "	1 01
Enon, Iowa, "	1 10
Hudson, Iowa, "	1 30
Milledgeville, Ill., "	1 50
Meyersdale, Pa., "	1 00
Bloomers, Ohio, "	1 00
Zion Hill, " "	1 00
Homerville, Ohio, Ladies' Aid Society,	1 00
Wm. W. Summers, on pledge,	1 00
Sarah E. Rinehart, "	1 00